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TO : Deputy Director of Training (General)

DATE: 5 February 1953

FROM : Chief, Programs Division

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the week of January 30 - February 5.

1. Approximately 20 requests for external training have been reviewed during the past week.

2. We have received two applications to enter JOT's in the FSI 2 year Arabic program on 1 March 1953. [REDACTED] each has indicated that he may have a nominee. Our quota is nine).

3. About six persons have indicated an interest in the [REDACTED] program, and a number have indicated interest in the Southeast Asia Program.

4. Use of our new letter to trainees is permitting a number of developments that strengthen our effort to develop and establish standards in the external training program, notably:

a. Use is bringing to light cases where the training program has been abused by:

(1) failure to complete an approved program

(2) failure to participate fully (auditing)

(3) failure to account for refunds received from a facility after withdrawal.

b. We are able to eliminate auditing (which, I believe, has been prevalent) in favor of full participation on a credit basis.

c. We are assembling information and data that will permit us to evaluate several aspects of the training program.

(In fairness, I must say that I believe that most abuses have not been intentional. I do believe that the position we have taken in the letter, and the consequences of its use will contribute greatly to increasing both the prestige and effectiveness of the program we are administering).

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